

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-3. (canceled)

4. (withdrawn) A mop swab formed of elongate ribbons of absorbent outer fabric material at least folded double along their respective longitudinal axes and filled with absorbent inner waste material, said ribbons passing through a center area for binding to a handle fixture and having ends at a tail of said mop swab, said outer material in folded double relation retaining said inner waste material therein.

5. (currently amended/withdrawn) The mop swab set forth in Claim [[1]] 14 wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally of the swab in a bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

6. (currently amended/withdrawn) The mop swab set forth in Claim [[1]] 14 wherein the elongate ribbons are formed of non-woven material.

7. (currently amended/withdrawn) The mop swab set forth in Claim [[1]] 14 wherein the elongate ribbons have margins which are joined together.

8. (withdrawn) The mop swab as set forth in Claim 4 wherein the margins are connected by stitching.

9. (withdrawn) The mop swab as set forth in Claim 4 wherein the margins are connected by fabric welding.

10. (withdrawn) A mop swab formed of elongate ribbons of non-woven material at least folded double along their longitudinal axes and filled with absorbent inner waste material with margins joined together to retain said inner waste material therein, said ribbons being formed into looped ends at a tail end of said mop swab.

11. (withdrawn) A mop swab formed of elongate strips of inexpensive material which passes water therethrough and is sufficiently sturdy to withstand scrubbing actions, the strips being formed into troughs to receive absorbent waste material then folded over at least double about longitudinal axis to trap the absorbent material therein, the strips then folded forming ribbons gathered together to form a center section for connection to a mop handle fixture and with opposite arms hanging downwardly

from said center section to form a mop swab of economically disposable material sufficiently robust for scrubbing and mopping operations.

12. (withdrawn) An absorbent cleaning article comprising a coil wrapping of a yarn substitute formed of an elongate ribbon of absorbent outer non-woven fabric at least folded double longitudinally and filled with absorbent inner waste strips to form a sandwich structure, the coil wrapping collapsed flat and encased within an outer envelope to form a pad.

13. (new) A yarn substitute comprising:
outer layers of inexpensive waste material; and
an inner layer of inexpensive waste material,
said outer and inner layers connected together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer layers to maintain the inner layer between the outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner layer relative to the outer layer.

14. (new) An elongate ribbon comprising a strip of absorbent outer non-woven fabric at least folded double longitudinally and filled with an absorbent inner waste from non-woven materials to form a sandwich structure, the outer fabric layers and inner filling connected together along a central or

substantially central portion of the outer layers to maintain the inner filling between the outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the outer layers.

15. (new) An elongate ribbon comprising outer strips of non-woven fabric layered with inner filling waste from non-woven materials to form a sandwich structure, said outer strips and inner filling being bound together along a central or substantially central portion of the outer strips to maintain the inner filling between the outer strips and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the outer strips.

16. (new) An elongate ribbon according to claim 15, wherein there are a plurality of elongate ribbons each having a distal end, a proximal end, each said proximal end being connected to a fixture and each said distal end being free.

17. (new) The elongate ribbon as claimed in claim 16, wherein each of said plural elongate ribbons are folded double along a respective longitudinal axis.

18. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein said yard substitute is formed into a plurality of ribbons.

19. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally in bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

20. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons are formed of a non-woven material.

21. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons have margins which are joined together.

22. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 21, wherein the margins are connected by one of stitching and fabric rolling.

23. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein the waste material of both the inner and outer layers is absorbent.